

# Arnold Magnet Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy



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### Arnold Magnet Academy

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### What is Title I?

Arnold Magnet Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

### 2019-2020 District Goals

The Muscogee County School District will implement evidence-based Tier 1 instruction, a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), leadership development, and a culture of kindness.

### 2019-2020 Arnold's Smart Goals

- By May 2020, 100% of all teachers will be trained on formative assessments with 80% of the teachers demonstrating effective implementation.
- By May 2020, 100% of all teachers will be trained on Georgia PBIS Module 3 (Consequence System for Academic Engagement) with 80% of teachers demonstrating effective implementation.

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### What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Arnold Magnet Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Arnold Magnet Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

### How is it developed?

Arnold Magnet Academy welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Arnold Magnet Academy also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

### Who is it for?

All parents at Arnold Magnet Academy are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Arnold Magnet Academy will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource area and on the school's website.



### Assistance to Parents/Parent Resource Area



Parental involvement is an on-going process. Parents are encouraged to become active participants in student achievement. Resources are also available for parent check-out so learning can continue at home. Please contact **Ms. Christine Meriweather, Arnold's Family Services Coordinator**, at (706) 748-2436, for inquiries and assistance.

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## School Measures to provide Required Assistance

Arnold will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school's website, included in parent newsletters, and posted on the school's advertisement board.
- Conduct four staff developments a year, on parent involvement practices & effective strategies, for staff to communicate and build partnership with parents.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, through Connect-Ed messages, advertisement board, newsletters, flyers, and website.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to use at home with their children.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and activities.

## Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities

The following Family Engagement Opportunities will be held to build parent capacity and increase student achievement. Families will be notified in the following ways: Flyers, school's website, newsletters, advertisement board, and/or Connect-Ed Messages.

### Title I Annual Parent Meeting

□ Learn about our Title I program including: Parent rights, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement opportunities.

### Open House

□ This is a great time to meet your child's teachers, tour the building, and give feedback on the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact.

### Academic Parent Workshop/Review Policy and Compact

□ Parents will receive valuable information about academics and curriculum.

### Smart Goals Parent Workshop/Review Policy and Compact

□ We will provide opportunities for parents to learn about the school's SMART GOALS and how they can support the school from home.

### Staff Workshops

□ The staff will receive valuable family engagement information.

### Georgia Milestones State Assessment Workshop

□ Families will receive an overview of the state testing. The state test measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores.

### Switching Tracks: Transitioning from Middle School to High School

□ We will provide valuable information to outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families.

### Other Parent and Family Engagement Activities will also be offered

□ Some of the activities are Hispanic Heritage Night, Winter Extravaganza, Black History Program, STEAM Night, Bullying).

